The Good Church at Corinth

Ken Chapman · 1 Corinthians 1:1–9

INTRODUCTION

- Wouldn't you have loved to have been a part of the church at Corinth?
- I think there's three reasons that we can argue that the church at Corinth was a good church.
- He says, You're a church of God. You are saints. He says, secondly, I thank God for you.

1 They Recognized Their Problems and Sought Help

1 Corinthians 1:10–11; 1 Corinthians 7:1

- One was that they recognized they had problems. And they sought help for those problems.
- What made them good in spite of all of those things, is that they knew they had problems.
- For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you.
- Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me.
- Now, the first thing we need to understand is that takes humility.

2 They Listened to the Help Offered

Matthew 19; Jeremiah 42:1–6; 2 Corinthians 7:6–11

- It's one thing to ask a question. It's a whole nother thing to listen. And it's a whole nother thing to listen with the attitude that we will do whatever is required of us.
- But when he got the response, and it wasn't the response he wanted, what does the text say of him? He went away sorrowful.
- Our attitude in asking is all important, isn't it?
- We know full well that there's a big difference in asking and really wanting to be helped.
- For godly sorrow produces repentance, leading to salvation, not to be regretted, but the sorrow of the world produces death.

3 They Got Busy Correcting Those Problems

1 Corinthians 5; 2 Corinthians 2:6–8

- They recognized their problems and sought help. They listened to the help that was offered. And then they got busy correcting those problems.
- The punishment which was inflicted by the majority is sufficient for such a man.
- Here was a congregation that was told time and time again what they were doing wrong, and they said, okay, let's fix it. That's a good church.
- Life, whether we're talking about individuals as a congregation, a life is a series of corrections.
- The gravest danger is not being willing to listen and to make corrections when necessary.

THE CHALLENGE

What about you this morning? Is there some correction that needs to be made in your life?

MY NOTES